

Dear Commisioners,

I am appaled that your impending decison could, if adopted, end the current rules limiting multiple ownership of our media.

Consolidation and concentration of ownership of the media in the U.S. is not in the best interests of the American public whom you are selected to serve. As public servants, yes servants of the public trust, you are bound to execute that trust in the best interest of the public for whom your Commision is acting, and not to serve the business interests of the industry which you are by charter empowered by your employers, the American Public, to regulate for the common good. Concentration of media ownership may make excellent business sense for the media conglomerates by reducing their costs of collecting and presenting news, information and programming to the public. However, it will further implode the information available to the public into ever shrinking sound bites that lack any essence of responsible journalism. We can ill afford this information implosion!

I trust you take your charter and public mandate seriously and will not relax the current restrictions on multiple ownership rules for the media.

Sincerely,
John Grostick